

OPINION 1774

Catocala connubialis Guenée, 1852 (Insecta, Lepidoptera): specific name conserved

Ruling

(1) Under the plenary powers the specific name *amasia* Smith, 1797, as published in the binomen *Phalaena amasia*, is hereby suppressed for the purposes of the Principle of Priority but not for those of the Principle of Homonymy.

(2) The name *connubialis* Guenée, 1852, as published in the binomen *Catocala connubialis*, is hereby placed on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology.

(3) The name *amasia* Smith, 1797, as published in the binomen *Phalaena amasia* and as suppressed in (1) above, is hereby placed on the Official Index of Rejected and Invalid Specific Names in Zoology.

History of Case 2811

An application for the conservation of the specific name of *Catocala connubialis* Guenée, 1852 was received from Dr Lawrence F. Gall (*Peabody Museum of Natural History, Yale University, New Haven, Connecticut, U.S.A.*) on 15 March 1991. After correspondence the case was published in BZN 49: 196–199 (September 1992). Notice of the case was sent to appropriate journals.

Decision of the Commission

On 1 December 1993 the members of the Commission were invited to vote on the proposals published in BZN 49: 197–198. At the close of the voting period on 1 March 1994 the votes were as follows:

Affirmative votes — 24: Bayer, Bock, Bouchet, Cocks, Cogger, Corliss, Hahn, Heppell, Holthuis, Kabata, Kraus, Macpherson, Mahnert, Martins de Souza, Minelli, Nielsen, Nye, Savage, Schuster, Štys, Thompson, Trjapitzin, Uéno, Willink

Negative votes — none.

No votes were received from Halvorsen, Lehtinen and Starobogatov.

Dupuis and Ride were on leave of absence.

Original references

The following are the original references to the names placed on an Official List and an Official Index by the ruling given in the present Opinion:

amasia, *Phalaena*, Smith, J.E., 1797, *The natural history of the rarer lepidopterous insects of Georgia including their systematic characters ...*, vol. 2, p. 179.

connubialis, *Catocala*, Guenée, 1852, *Histoire naturelle des insectes. Species général des Lépidoptères*, vol. 7 (Noctuelites), part 3, p. 105.